

NATIONAL CONFERENCE NOTES

Date and Place

The conference will meet at beautiful Winona Park, Tuesday afternoon, August 22, and close Sunday night, 29. Please keep date and place in mind. Up to the time of this writing we have not been informed of any change in the date previously announced and presume it will stand as fixed by the executive committee.

The Program

The program was published in last week's paper. We trust our readers have filed the issue containing the program for future reference. Keep it. You may need it. You cannot begin the work of preparation too early. If your name appears on the program and you find yourself unable to respond, kindly inform the secretary of the committee, Brother Rench. But fill your place if you can possibly do so.

The S. S. C. E. Program

Sister Detwiler has written us making inquiry as to the sisters' program. By reference to the general program you will note that the session only is designated for the sisters' work, no outline of their program being given. This is not the fault of the executive committee, as the sisters are preparing their own program and thus far we have not received it. We trust the sisters will not delay too long, as the time is already short, and those who are expected to give papers or addresses cannot be informed too soon.

Blank Credentials

Blank credentials have been mailed to all pastors of the Brethren church in the brotherhood. Delegates should be elected early, so as to give them opportunity to make the necessary preparations to attend conference. Not every one can leave home at a moment's notice. It is well therefore that delegates should be elected as soon as possible. Please remember that the conference is a delegated body, that while all in attendance may take part in its deliberations, yet all matters of business are transacted by delegates. Should you fail to get your blank credentials, please write to this office, stating the number desired, and they will be promptly mailed. This is a matter of importance. Do not neglect it. *Be sure to elect and send delegates to the conference.*

Bible School

Those who have read the program have noticed that much time will be given to Bible study. Twice each day, in the morning and in the evening, Brother Miller will give Bible readings, lectures and exposition. This will prove one of the most interesting and profitable features of the conference. Brother Miller has selected the Gospel of St. John as the basis for this series of Bible studies, and he is now at work preparing a Syllabus of a course of eight lecture-studies, covering the entire Gospel. The Syllabus will be published in neat pamphlet form and offered for sale at the conference.

On Future Conferences

At the last conference a committee of six was appointed to formulate rules for the holding of future conferences. The following report of the committee was adopted:

1. The General Conference of the Brethren church shall consist of delegates from the congregations of the Brethren church, together with one representative chosen by each District Conference.

2. Each congregation of the Brethren church is entitled to representation in the National Conference on the basis of one delegate for every fifty members, or fraction thereof, and of an additional delegate for every fifty additional members or fraction of ten or more.

3. No delegate shall be entitled to represent more than one vote in the National Conference.

4. The delegates from each District present at each National Conference shall meet before the Conference adjourns and choose one of their number to act as a member of a National Executive Committee, whose duty it is to arrange for the next conference.

5. This Executive Committee should meet and organize and report its organization before the adjournment of the Conference in session.

6. The National Executive Committee will hold its office until its successor is elected.

7. The sessions of the National Conference shall hereafter be held annually, unless it will have designated at its last meeting how soon the next meeting should be held.

8. All questions shall be decided by a majority vote except that on the request of any delegate, the question shall be decided by a two-thirds's majority vote, the request to be made before the vote is taken.

9. The officers of the Conference shall be elected as follows: (1) The Moderator, Vice Moderator and Secretary shall be elected by ballot without nomination and shall be elected by a majority vote of those voting. In case of no election on the first ballot, on the second ballot the two having the highest number of votes shall be the candidates. (2) The Treasurer, Assistant Secretary and Statistician shall be elected by acclamation.

10. Immediately after the permanent organization of the Conference is completed the Moderator shall appoint a committee on committees whose duty it shall be to name such other committees as shall be necessary.

11. The following rules of order shall govern the deliberations of this Conference: (1) Any member of the Brethren church not a delegate shall have the privilege of speaking before this Conference, but shall not be permitted to vote. (2) No person shall be permitted to speak on any question more than twice except by the consent of the Conference. (3) No person shall speak on any question without first addressing the chair and receiving his recognition. (4) The first speech of any speaker shall not be longer than ten minutes, and the second than five.

Personal Mention

That Moderator's report by Brother Koontz is certainly an exhaustive one.

Brother Bauman reports two accessions to the church in his field of labor.

At Zionsville, Ohio, where brother J. M. Bowman is pastor, one accession by baptism is reported.

We trust many sisters will respond to the appeal by Sister Detwiler. Why not report your work?

Brother Summers writes that the collection at Darwin, Sunday, July 9, for the Chicago mission was \$8.00.

Brother Mackey, Salisbury, Pa., reports one more accession by baptism, and another applicant to be baptized.

At Mount Pleasant, Ind., where Brother Fox is pastor, three have been added to the church since last reported.

Brother Bowman is doing excellent work in southern Va. We are pleased to learn that brother D. C. Moomaw expects to join him.

Brother Rench and wife, also Brother Yoder, attended the great C. E. convention at Detroit. We have heard from both, and they report the convention as having been a great success.

Brother Hendricks writes that the Methodist Superintendent bought one of the Brethren Quarterlies from him for use in his school, because he finds it more helpful than their own lesson helps.

Brother Yoder has been visiting in the neighborhood of Ashland county, Ohio. From a letter we learn that he has returned home, and we are disappointed, for passing by Ashland. He reports one accession by baptism in the Warsaw congregation.

We appreciate these words from Brother Gillin: "Just been reading Brief Notes in B. E. They are rich. I read them every week. Glad you are doing so well for the paper. May God help you in your hard task." It does help one to bear the burden when he is made to feel that it is not in vain.

Brief Notes

It is the uncomfortable duty which often leads to the comfortable experience.

When Wisdom would journey to the mansion of Joy, Love was at hand to show her the way.

Out of the pain and weariness of labor springs the plenty of harvest; and yet there are those who seek an easy road to heaven.

"Suffering becomes beautiful when any one bears great calamities with cheerfulness, not thru insensibility, but thru greatness of mind."

To be able cheerfully to rejoice at the greater piety, greater ability, greater success of others in the Lord's work is a mark of grace which makes its possessor equally as great.

What if the sun should be discouraged because ninety-four millions of miles below it, a transient cloud intercepts its rays, and temporarily shuts them off from the earth. If clouds shut in your spiritual life, keep on shining and they will soon melt away.

If our desire for spiritual blessings was as sincere as our needs are urgent, the windows of heaven would soon be flung wide. Desire is the essence of prayer, but many things that we pray for, we do not really and truly want, and then we wonder why our prayers are so often unanswered.

Many writers are exclaiming at the contrast between churchianity and Christianity, but is not this contrast inseparable from the infirmities of our human nature? Who is it that is as perfect in his life as in his ideal? Let us strive by all means for the